

CASE: 1138

MI GP (BIO DATA 1138-0-02, OLSEN), UNDATED. <3> LTR, HQ 308TH COMBAT AVIATION BN, 4 JUN 69. <4> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH 240354Z JUL 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

4 December 1987

A CASE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO ALL PARTIES WAS PASSED BY JCRC ON 4 AUG 87 TO THE SRV EMBASSY IN BANGKOK PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN GENERAL VESSEY AND SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH.

2 April 1992

CASE NARRATIVE PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 30 MARCH 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

29 December 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: JAMES E. CREAMER, JR. 1138, *NAME*
FRANKIE B. JOHNSON, JR. 1138, LYLE E. MACKEDANZ 1138
NAME AND ROBERT C. LINK 1138

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

13 August 1993

ON 4 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO HONG HA VILLAGE, A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1138. IE4 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS OF A UH-1 HELICOPTER SHOT DOWN IN JUL 1967, JUST PRIOR TO THEIR EVACUATING TO LAOS. WHEN THEY RETURNED TO THEIR VILLAGE IN 1974, THE WITNESSES DISCOVERED HELICOPTER WRECKAGE, WHICH THEY BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF THE HELICOPTER THEY HAD SEEN SHOT DOWN. NEITHER WITNESS EVER FOUND HUMAN REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR PERSONAL EQUIPMENT AMONG THE WRECKAGE, NOR HAD THEY HEARD OF ANYONE ELSE WHO HAD. THE WITNESSES THEN LED IE4 TO THE LOCATIONS WHERE WRECKAGE WAS FOUND. THE SITES HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY SCAVENGED, BUT THE TEAM FOUND SOME RESIDUAL EVIDENCE OF A HELICOPTER CRASH. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE GRID COORDINATES HELD IN U.S. RECORDS AS THE CRASH LOCATON. THE TEAM SEARCHED THE AREA, BUT FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH. (REF 4)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 25 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1139-0-01 (ACCNO 1012) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: PALMGREN, EDWIN DAVID Date Status assigned: 26 Nov 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A -
Grade	O5	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	000020429	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	K740972
Birth date	5 Jan 1927	Weight	171 lb / 77.5 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	NEVADA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXE730158
Lat/Long: 171354N / 1064051E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 3
Mission Province: QUANG BINH
(formerly):
Mission District: LE THUY
Mission Date: 22 Apr 1968 2000L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Investigations: Jun 92, Apr 93
Surveys: Jun 92
Excavations: Aug 93
Additional Information Obtained: Jun 92
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS
Survivability: (3) Unknown

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F111A	Serial: 24
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: TF303
Call Sign: TAILBONE 78	1 Serial: P658828
Year: 66	2 Serial: P658824

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Name: COOLEY, DAVID LEO Date Status assigned: 10 Jan 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	04	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	606934	Height	74 in / 1.88 mtrs	Weapon No	K741458
Birth date	3 Aug 1934	Weight	212 lb / 96.0 kg	Duty pos	A/C CDR
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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

22 March 1975

ON 22 APR 1968, LCDR DAVID L. COOLEY, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, AND LTC EDWIN D. PALMGREN, PILOT, WERE FLYING AN F111A (#66-0024), ON AN OPERATIONAL MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. VOICE CONTACT WAS MADE WITH AN AIRBORNE COMMAND POST AT 1959 HRS AND THE AIRCRAFT WAS CLEARED TO THE TARGET COORDINATOR. AT THIS POINT THE AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTED TO BE OVER LAOS IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) XD 423 246. AN ESTIMATED TEN MINUTES FROM THE TARGET LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) XE 730 158. WHEN THE AIRCRAFT HAD NOT CALLED AND ESTIMATED 15 MINUTES AFTER TIME-ON-TARGET, A COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH WAS INITIATED.

SEARCH EFFORT BEGAN AT DAYBREAK ON 23 APRIL 1968, FROM UDORN RTAFB AND CONCLUDED ON 26 APRIL 1968. NO WRECKAGE WAS LOCATED AND NO BEEPER SIGNALS HEARD.

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THESE INDIVIDUAL'S NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. LTC PALMGREN AND LCDR COOLEY ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

22 March 1975

REFERENCES: <1> REPORT , DET 1, 428TH TFS, AF FORM 484, 29 APR 68. <2> 010333Z JUN 93 CJTFFA DET ONE. <3> CJTF-FA DET ONE 221206Z JULY 1992; INVESTIGATION OF AN ALLEGED AIRCRAFT CRASH INCIDENT; POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED TO CASE 1107 OR 1139. <4> 240556Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

22 March 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: EDWIN D. PALMGREN 1139-0-01, AND DAVID L. COOLEY 1139-0-02.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

22 March 1975

SITES COORDINATES CHANGED TO XD 423 246 BASED ON RE-PLOT OF GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES PROVIDED BY AF FORM 484.

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11 August 1992

COUNTRY OF LOSS REALIGNED BASED ON JUNE 1992 ANALYTICAL REVIEW BY JTF-FA AND DIA POW/MIA AND APPROVED BY OSD AND THE SERVICE CASUALTY BRANCHES.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

23 June 1993

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10 September 1993

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13 December 1993

DURING THE 25TH JFA, A JOINT TEAM SURVEYED A SUSPECTED F-111 CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATES 48QXE7345716292. THE LOCATION OF THE CRASH SITE CORRESPONDS PRECISELY WITH REFNO 1139 LOCATION. THE RECOVERY OF AIRCREW SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING AT THE CRASH SITE INDICATES THAT THE CREW WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT IMPACT. JTF-FA FILES INDICATES NO OTHER CRASH SITES ARE LOCATED WITHIN 15 KILOMETERS OF GRID COORDINATES 48QXE7345716292. (REF 5)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 8 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1140-0-01 (ACCNO 6361)	Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
Name: CHOMYK, WILLIAM (NMN)	Date Status assigned: 7 May 1968	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit DATA
Service AIR FORCE	Sex MALE	Blood type B +
Grade 02	Hair BROWN	Complexion FAIR
SSAN	Eyes #	Weapon .38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No DATA	Height 70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No K746767
Birth date 3 Apr 1943	Weight 141 lb / 63.9 kg	Duty pos PILOT
Home State NEW YORK	Religion OTHER	PW Camp \$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QYD585055
Lat/Long: 161905N / 1072511E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: THUA THIEN-HUE
(formerly): THUA THIEN
Mission District: HUE CITY
Mission Date: 22 Apr 1968
Mission Category: 2
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Apr 93
Investigations: Apr 93
Surveys: Apr 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F4D	Serial: 8778
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J7915
Call Sign: GUNFIGHTER 11	1 Serial: 439973
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